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HOUSE RESOLUTION 177

By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor Jeremy Peoples and the members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Law Explorers Mock Trial Team.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, such astute and dedicated individuals can be found on the Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW) Law Explorers Mock Trial Team; Jeremy Peoples is one outstanding member; and

WHEREAS, the team is composed of exemplary high school students ranging from 14 years of age and older who are students in the Memphis City or Shelby County School System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peoples and the MLGW Law Explorers competed in the 2000 City High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Memphis Bar Association and the Boy Scouts of America; the renowned competition was held on January 28 through February 2, 2000 at the Shelby County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, area attorneys volunteered to serve as judges for the acclaimed event as 26 teams gathered to share the spirit of competition; the MLGW Law Explorers were well represented at the competition as five members were specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, in his second year with the Law Explorers, Jeremy Peoples' outstanding performance in the competition was recognized, as he was honored as Best Witness; and

WHEREAS, the eight-member team began practicing at least once weekly early in the season; as competition day drew near, the members dedicated countless hours to practices that spanned three to four days per week and weekends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cynthia White serves with great probity as the team's advisor; she also advised the 1997 MLGW Law Explorers Team that won first place honors at the National Competition in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Tim Flowers served as this year's dedicated coach for the competition in Shelby County; Mr. Flowers is an attorney in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Peoples' estimable fellow team members include: Tamara Young, April Williams, Mary McNeill, Cassie Ford, Michael Pollion, Bianca Jefferson, and Zephaniah Holt; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during competition, and untiring commitment of time and talent, the members of the MLGW Law Explorers have achieved extraordinary success and, thus, have joined the ranks of Tennessee's and our nation's elite students; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor and congratulate these exemplary students on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor Jeremy Peoples and his fellow members of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Law

Explorers Mock Trial Team and wish each of the members of this select group all the best in what we are confident will be a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a duly inscribed copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.